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Invitation to Hannover

PAUL C. EMPIE

What will Lutherans do in
Hannover, Germany, this
month?

Persons who wish to see Lutheran
history-in-the-making should go to
Lutheran World Federation As-
sembly at Hannover, Germany, this
month July 25-August 3. This in-
cludes laymen as well as pastors!

The host local committee has been
at work for over a year and a
half to assure adequate accommoda-
tion for several thousand visitors in
addition to official delegates and rep-
resentatives. Hannover was terribly
battered during the war, and huge
amounts of rubble still lie all over the
city. Nevertheless, when I was there
church leaders assured me that
there would be 1000 hotel rooms
available meeting modern standards.
In addition the local churches have
about 7000 rooms available in
private homes which they feel certain
will be adequate and comfortable for
visitors who would like to combine
the experience of coming into contact
with a Lutheran family with a more
modest room rate. Prices have not yet
been announced, but comparable
lodging in Germany today costs about
\$5 in hotels and \$2-\$3 per day in

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pensions or private residences. One
can buy good meals (not including
fancy desserts and beverages of
course!) for about \$3 per day. Those
who are on a very tight travel budg-
et can do it for less.

What will a visitor do at Hanno-
ver? Will all of the Assembly Pro-
gram be of interest to him? Must he
understand the German language to
get anything out of it? Is there some-
thing planned for women and youth?

The average American tourist will
probably take the Assembly in small
doses! That will be easy to do. Each
day's schedule can be examined and
activities can be planned accord-
ingly. The German National Committee
of the Lutheran World Federation has
planned many side trips at modest
cost at places of historical interest,
especially for Lutherans.

There will also be listed Lutheran

World Action projects within a few hours' travel distance for those who wish to see some of the results of their L.W.A. gifts. There is to be a special reception for the ladies, and of course all kinds of shopping to be done in the vicinity — or shouldn't we mention that! The world-famous Bethel Institution at Bielefeld is not far away, and some of the loveliest and most picturesque areas of Central Europe can be visited in the course of the day. Buses and station wagons can be rented by groups according to their needs.

The language of the Assembly will be English and German, proportionally about one-third to two-thirds, I suppose. Personally, I shall speak in English! All prepared papers will be available in advance in both languages. There are English-speaking persons at all hotels — one need have no worry on that score.

There is to be a youth conference running concurrently with the L.W.F. Assembly, bringing together several hundred Lutheran youth representatives from all over the world. It is expected that three hundred delegates will be coming from the United States. There is also a Women's Section of the Assembly, open to visitors. In addition, the German National Committee has planned special gatherings at various times during the Assembly, including musical programs, social evenings and open forums.

Yes, there will be plenty to do! Furthermore it will be of interest to see and hear Lutheran leaders of

world renown who heretofore been only names to most Americans. A high spot of the Assembly is anticipated when Bishop Eivind Berg of Norway addresses the Assembly on the subject of "Church and State." This is a burning issue in Europe as well as in America! Not much will be spent in abstract theological discussion. The international global character of the L.W.F. will be demonstrated dramatically by the presence of delegates from India, Indonesia, Japan, China, Australia, Africa, Iceland, North and South America, as well as from Scandinavia, England, France, Holland, Italy, Yugoslavia, Austria and Germany. There may even be delegates from behind the Iron Curtain, including East Germany, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Plans will be made for the five-year program of the L.W.F. It is expected that a permanent department of Lutheran World Service will be established, continuing Service to Refugees and Inter-Church Aid as part of L.W.F. operation, supported by National Committees. Further cooperation in Lutheran World Missions and in work among Lutherans in South America will be very much in the forefront of discussion. A successor to the late Dr. S. C. Michels as executive secretary of the organization will be elected, and a blueprint drawn up to strengthen the L.W.F. as a functional instrument for over 50,000,000 Lutherans from churches located in every part of the globe.

Education for Living

EARL S. RUDISILL

Group Dynamics

WHAT IS "group dynamics"? It is a form of general discussion in which the teacher or leader takes a "permissive" part — remains in the background except when there is a special need for his more active leadership. The class very largely leads itself in a very free manner, searching through unfettered discussion for facts, reasons, causes, relationships, and conclusions. Such a form of discussion is sometimes referred to as group-centered leadership."

This method is an attempt to get greater results from the discussion method. Domination or control by a leader is ruled out, so he plays a less prominent part. Set plans are brushed aside in the interest of greater freedom of action and expression. More time is needed — longer sessions and more of them. As a group continues to work together it frequently develops such a unity of spirit that it practically becomes an organism. It looks upon itself objectively, and the students regard one another as fellow learners. Pet ideas are dropped, and opinions, as personal possessions, are placed in the pool as common property. If any one's suggestion is adopted it becomes "our" plan or conclusion. This method furthers patient effort

toward conclusions which may be verified. It favors use of the scientific method — an excellent policy which is so frequently neglected by teachers of religion.

The leader is named by the group or by the sponsoring group. Sometimes there are two leaders — a team. After starting the discussion the leader retires to an inconspicuous position, observes carefully, makes mental or written notes, and intervenes only if a situation demands it.

Such a group, working on a problem for some time, needs an observer or critic from the outside. It becomes his task to watch how the "organism" moves, whether it is progressing, and whether it is keeping to its task. When needed, he points out mistakes and successes. A group may also have a recorder, who makes notes on the "what" and "why." He may on occasion read to the group his record of their doings. This may prove as helpful as the critical word of the observer. "Experts" or resource people may be called in to provide information on phases of a problem with which the group and the leader may not be well acquainted. They are consulted only when needed—sometimes as an encyclopedia.

The principle of group dynamics may be used to some extent in adult classes which are ready for open discussion. But, as a rule, there isn't enough time for it. It may be used to larger advantage in groups which can give a number of sittings to one topic or problem, such as weeknight classes, special commissions, or classes working on an intensive course.

"Group dynamics" is an attractive name. People may "throw it around" without understanding it. It possesses no magic but the hard thinking which people are willing to put into it, and the valid information which they bring to it. Discussion of any sort is a mere "squirrel-in-the-cage" performance when the basic raw material of fact is missing.

Brotherhood in Action

by CHARLES F. BROBST

Laymen are Important

LAYMEN HAVE always played a prominent part in God's Kingdom. From the time of Abraham to our present day the laity were pioneers in the development of the religious life. In Mohammedanism, Judaism and Christianity, Abraham is considered the father of doctrine. On the hillside in Ur the word of the Lord came to him as he cared for sheep.

Moses was a farmer. He wouldn't have anything to do with the priesthood. Like many modern laymen he tried to evade his responsibility, saying, "I am too slow of speech. Aaron is a more able talker. Ask him." God used Moses and not a priest to receive the law.

Ritual was developed by David, a layman. He was surrounded by priests but none of them became the pioneer in forms of worship like this layman willing to be used by God.

When our Lord chose 12 men to receive his special teaching he chose laymen, not priests who were devoting their full time to religion. He selected tax-gatherers, a doctor and fishermen to carry on the work he was beginning. The future of the Christian Church depended on these humble men. How fortunate that they did not entirely fail our Lord!

The laymen are still important in the church, particularly in the Protestant Church. Without them the leadership in the church would soon disappear. No young man can graduate from the seminary without the approval of the Board of Directors, usually equally divided among clergy and laymen. Before he can be ordained he must have a call from a congregation which is entirely made up of the laity. Even then synod, in convention, equally represented by clergy

laymen, must give its approval to candidate for ordination. Thus in person who wants to enter the ranks of the clergy must pass the scrutiny of three different groups of laymen.

Activity in the congregation is lay-centered. The worship service is conducted for the laity. All the organizations, the Sunday school, missionary society, Luther League, choir, etc. exist for the lay members and are directed by them. A congregation could not be organized or continue without their interest, support and cooperation.

The church council stands guard

over the pastor's preaching and work. At his installation each councilman promises to see "that the pure Word of God be preached, as the church confesses it, and only by those duly authorized according to the constitution of the congregation (adopted by the laity)". This is followed by a long list of duties.

The laity literally "run" the church. This is so intended and it is right that this is so. The natural deduction is that laymen should make use of every endeavor to equip themselves for such responsibility and leadership. This is one of the primary functions of the Brotherhood.

Boy Scouts

GEORGE A. EICHLER

Scouting Program a "Natural" for Brotherhood Men

by EARLE W. BADER

WE OWE a real debt of gratitude to George A. Eichler, the editor of this page, who has for a number of years effectively presented the challenging opportunity to promote Boy Scouting in our Lutheran churches. Besides Dr. Eichler, there are hundreds of Brotherhood men who are serving on their local scout councils, and as scoutmasters and troop committeemen in their local churches. These scouters are giving unselfishly of their time and energy to bring the blessings of the Boy Scout character building program to their boys.

As you doubtless know the ULCA Boy Scout Committee is presently enlarging its organizational setup to include twelve regional districts to correspond with the similar regions of the Boy Scouts of America. Each of these regions will be staffed by an active group of scouters with a dynamic and experienced leader in charge of each district.

We return a hearty "thank you" to each of the ten regional directors who have been appointed to date, for their prompt and willing acceptance of their assignments. The following letter from Kenelm Costa, Des Moines,

Iowa, director of Region 8, is typical of the many fine communications which we are constantly receiving from our loyal Lutheran scouts in all areas of the church:

Dear Mr. Bader:

I have received the letter notifying me of my appointment as chairman of Region 8. I will do the best I can to promote more Scouting in the churches in this region.

I believe if the Brotherhoods in each church could be fully informed as to what the B.S.A. program stands for, and how it comes into their respective churches as an ally to their youth program, they would welcome this movement more heartily than is done at present.

At present our greatest need is for leaders. National figures show that in 1950, 54% more boys will be eligible for membership in scout units, but it is no use organizing these units unless we can convince men that our youth needs their leadership.

Boys need heroes and leaders, and the term "scoutmaster" means a lot to them, especially when that man has earned their respect and gained their friendship.

This scouting program is a "natural" for Brotherhood men if they will recognize that our youth needs their leadership and friendship. Most of our boys have broken the close ties of home by 18 years of age, and the years between 8 and 18, and especially between 14 and 18, is when boys need the close friendship of their dads and the leadership of outstanding men in their respective communi-

ties.

I notice that in Region 8 there are only three senior or explorer units and it is in those four years when our boys need the companionship and help of understanding men.

Is it suggesting too much to ask the Executive committee of the U.L.C. Brotherhood to send out a letter to each Brotherhood bringing out some of the thoughts I have expressed, and also thoughts that will come to the Executive committee.

Unfortunately, too many men do not take the scout movement seriously. They have heard that "scouting is fun", some time or other, but have not looked any further to find out that boys, through scouting, are learning to do worthwhile things, and gain confidence in themselves through learning to do things by themselves and for the community, and thus becoming better citizens and leaders. They say they get these things in school - not so, as only a very few take part in school activities, unfortunately.

So I repeat, scouting comes to the home, church and school as an ally and does not try to take over the duties of these three most necessary institutions.

Well, Mr. Bader, I am afraid I've talked too much, in accepting your invitation to write you, but I love the movement and believe in it, and work at it, and incidentally get a lot of fun and pleasure out of it, to say nothing of the fine friendships I have made with men and boys.

Yours sincerely,
Kenelm Costa

The President's Message

Dear Brothers:

Well, here I am back again. I laid off for quite a spell to ascertain whether this message is read, and in the past few months there have been so many inquiries that — well, here I am.

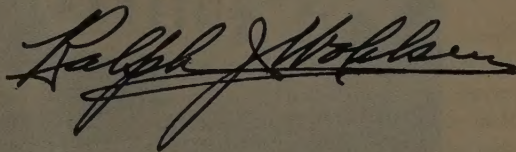
We approach the biennial convention, which will be all important. We have been progressing beyond the most optimistic hopes of four years ago. Our membership has grown and is growing every day. Every department, including *Lutheran Men* is paying its own way, and boasts of a credit balance in bank, with all bills paid. The work we have done in connection with the Board of Social Missions, for evangelism, has received the plaudits of all our Church officers. We have recently ordered 40,000 three-color pamphlets for the Church's present program through the Parish and Church School Board, on "The Bible in Daily Living," primarily for free distribution. We no longer seek aid *from the Church*, but are starting to perform our duties *for the Church*.

It's only the beginning, men. We are on the right track. We are actually an auxiliary of the Church, only when we keep ourselves in position and condition to do *for the Church*. There is much more to be done. We have a good start. We must continue along the same lines.

That is why this biennial convention in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 20-21 is so important. New officers must be elected. Final reports will be presented. Policies must be adopted that will never permit the Brotherhood to slide back again and that will assure its forward movement for the glory of our Saviour Jesus Christ, through his beloved Church.

Your congregational Brotherhood should have its registered delegate at this convention to voice your opinions and desires, to offer any suggestions you may have, or to criticize, constructively, any policies or actions. Let's make this a real Rally of United Lutheran Men (ladies invited as guests).

Yours in Christian Brotherhood,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Ralph J. Wolfson". The signature is written in a cursive style with long, sweeping strokes.

Message from Headquarters

by EARLE W. BADER

Brotherhood Days in Washington, D.C.

TIME marches on! The 18th biennial convention is only 60 days away and the Washington committees have completed their plans for the entertainment of the delegates and visitors. There are very few occasions in our church life that surpass the "grand and glorious" feeling when "good fellows get together" at our biennial conventions.

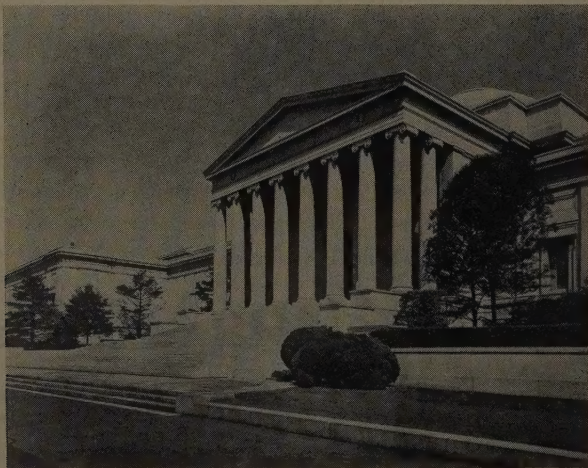
We expect this will be the best-attended and most profitable convention in our history. The local committee, under the aggressive leadership of Robert C. Hamer, has been working for months to prepare for the comfort and entertainment of the delegates and visitors. The Washing-

ton housing committee will provide ample accommodations, and a room registration blank will be mailed to each Brotherhood by July 1.

What a thrill it is to greet our friends, and meet the new delegates and visitors from Canada and all the synods in the U.S.A. The outpouring of Lutheranism at the convention will help us appreciate the potential strength of a united Lutheran movement, and the problems that appear too big for our local organizations will be solved in a great gathering of delegates such as we will have in Washington. Let us all work and prepare for this convention.

Delegates, Visitors — Register Now

Each congregational and synodical Brotherhood is urged to elect a



and its full quota of delegates. A quantity of official registration blanks has been mailed to each synodical Brotherhood president. These blanks should be returned, with the required registration fee of \$1.50 for each delegate, to the Brotherhood Offices, Market and New Streets, Bethlehem, Pa. on or before September 1, 1952, which is the closing date for the accrediting of delegates.

Convention Briefs

All of the Washington convention business sessions, the fellowship banquet, and the Sunday rally service will start on Eastern Daylight Saving time.

The seating at the fellowship banquet in the Mayflower Hotel will be on a "reserved" basis with the best seats going to those who apply before September 1. The Washington committee suggests that local Brotherhoods act promptly in reserving one or more banquet tables seating ten persons each, for their groups. To avoid confusion, the banquet tickets will be numbered to correspond with each table reservation.

The Washington convention committee will entertain the pre-convention delegates and visitors at a reception in the Luther Place Memorial Church Parish hall on Friday evening, September 19, from 7:30 to 10:00 P.M.

The communion service for convention delegates will be held in the Luther Place Memorial Church at

7:30 a.m. Sunday, September 21. A communion breakfast will be served in the church immediately following this service. The delegates and visitors will then be free to attend the regular Sunday morning worship service in any of the Washington churches.

Ample parking space will be provided for the delegates and visitors who plan to motor to Washington, D.C. for the convention.

Observe These Deadlines!

To insure an orderly convention, and to enable the various convention committees to serve you more effectively, it will be necessary to impose definite time limits for delegate registrations, room accommodations and banquet reservations.

You can assist the Brotherhood office and the Washington committee by taking care of the following matters *before the deadlines*. Listed below are the *final dates* when the following forms must be received at the Bethlehem office:

September 1—Synodical and Congregational delegates' registrations.

September 1—Choice banquet seat reservations for delegates.

September 5—Hotel and private residence accommodation reservations.

September 10—All banquet reservations.

Please act promptly to complete and mail the convention forms on pages 16 and 17 of this issue of *Lutheran Men*. Don't forget to include your remittance to cover the cost.

Honorary Life Memberships

by PHARES G. BEER

List of members received this year

1952 Honorary Life Membership Roll

JULY is the month that is annually assigned to reporting in *Lutheran Men* all Honorary Life Memberships for the year. This year 149 persons have been so honored and there are now 183 persons on the charter membership roll.

A number of synodical, conference and local Brotherhoods have honored their retiring officers with Honorary Life Memberships. Will your leaders wear the button, carry the card and receive the certificate that should be theirs for their sacrificial efforts in behalf of your Brotherhood? Have you seen the Honorary Life Membership button? It is a beautiful work of art centering around the Lutheran emblem.

The honor rolls listing the names of the charter Honorary Life Members will be exhibited at the United Lutheran Church in America Brotherhood convention at Luther Place Memorial Lutheran Church, Washington, D.C., Sept. 20-21.

The Honorary Life Membership group this year includes four ladies, 30 pastors, the president, secretary and former treasurer of the United Lutheran Church in America and an

outstanding layman of our European Lutheran Church.

Below is the list by synods of all the Honorary Life Members received during the second year:

California

Martin C. Stuhr
Dr. Donald Eggen

Central Pennsylvania

Edward J. Latz
Amos M. Stamets, D.D.
Claude R. Greiner
George H. Minnig
Maurice H. Bishop
Miss Altha R. Adams

Georgia-Alabama

J. H. Zeagler

Illinois

Frank M. Hughes

Iowa

Arthur M. Butler
Harry Morgan
Arthur Wulfsberg
George Westby
J. L. Berger

Kansas

Rev. Calvin J. Naugle
Alfred H. Goult
Rev. Sherman Frederick

Maryland

V. Kemp Wilkes
J. Frank Fife, D.D.
Jacob R. J. Wink
Robert C. Hamer
Christian Will
Alfred P. Rasch
William H. Poole
Elmer E. Bosserman
Werner F. Gerlach
Elwood S. Falkenstein, D.D.
Charles H. Tracy
Rev. Raymond M. Miller
Wouter V. Garrett, D.D.
Martin A. McGroory, Sr.
Rev. Richard S. Shanebrook

rest
 George Wehling
 George Boettcher
 William H. Bunker
 August Brei
 Clarence M. Brei
 Charles Unger
 Anhold Deutscher
 W. Arthur W. Huneke
 aska
 William F. Kedde
 Ms. Johanna M. Kedde
 L. Sturtevant
 Jersey
 Henry Beisler, LL.D.
 York
 Louis C. Smith
 John Tiedman
 W. Arnold F. Keller
 Eppling Reinartz, D.D.
 W. John E. Magalee
 Edward W. Juergensen
 Charles F. Obenbach
 Adley H. Neff
 North Carolina
 Amarc Capps
 Jesse L. Beaver
 W. Leo Smith
 Earl Cross
 O. Petrea
 Walter A. Thomas, D.D.
 A. Weant
 W. William G. Boggs
 George O. Hess
 Harry E. Isenhour
 L. Arndt
 Percy L. Troutman
 L. Miller, D.D.
 W. Henry F. Lineberger
 Roy Horne
 John W. Earnhardt
 L. Moose
 Ralph E. Deal
 A. Kanupp
 Harry M. Arndt
 Edie W. Cross
 Harry W. Boggs
 Leslie Conrad, D.D.
 Ed Hoffner
 S. Lippe
 Charles E. Ridenhour
 W. W. G. Cobb
 Hugh Petrea
 Claude W. Lyerly
 Hul Lyerly Jr., Ph.D.
 L. Lyerly
 o
 Franklin C. Fry, D.D., LL.D., L.H.D.
 E. Williams
 W. Elmer A. Lehman
 W. H. F. Hamburger
 W. Alton N. Allbeck

R.E. Felger
 George R. Moyer
Pennsylvania Ministerium
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 Robert M. Deily
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 Edward Sholtzberger
 Leonard F. Ashford
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 Herman L. Bishop
 William H. Frick
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 Frank H. Reisner
 Charles E. Rousenberger
 Dr. George A. Eichler
 Maurice N. Hafler
 Clarence Berndt
 Rev. Charles F. Brobst
 Frank J. Erdman
 Claude C. Ahlum
 Galen E. Lowman
 Robert D. Raeder
 Robert F. Nowak
 Rev. Ralph R. Hartzell
 Edwin P. Fogel
 Earl W. Krause
 Mrs. Raymond J. Fry
 Elmer H. Mill

Pittsburgh
 Virgil S. Fackler
 Walter J. Long
 Rev. Andrew Schilling
 Paul S. Fackler
 Rev. Walter C. Koehler
 John C. Davis
 Rev. Luther E. Fackler
 Clyde L. McFadden
 Robert J. Moreland
 Russel H. Druschel
 Rev. Ralph L. Erickson

Rocky Mountain

Harry Nelson

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 Pierce Shealy
 Bernard Troutman
 J. W. Ballentine
 Fred D. Lott
 Rev. Fred E. Dufford
 John J. Long
 J. H. Kinard
 B. Heber Barre
 Claude K. Wise
 Mrs. John T. Sox

Texas

E. C. Huegele
 K. G. Johnson
 Rev. Nathaniel H. Kern

P. L. Wahlberg

Ernest Bluhm

Non-synodical

Dr. Reinhold von Thadden

May we please ask all synodical, conference and congregational Honorary Life Membership secretaries and other interested persons to check the above lists and if there are any errors in the listing or spelling of names will you please notify Phares G. Beer, Ph.D., 708 Saint John St., Allentown, Pa., at once so that the names may be given correctly on the Honor Roll at the United Lutheran Church in America Brotherhood convention.

Dr. von Thadden Writes

Dr. Reinold von Thadden, leading layman of Germany, wrote to ULCA Brotherhood President Ralph J. Wohlsen:

"I have received the beautiful Honorary Life Membership certificate in the Brotherhood of the ULCA and also the membership card. I am proud and count it a real privilege to consider myself a member of your Brotherhood. As from now I shall always take a lively interest in your tasks and activities, in your joy and your sorrow, and it gives me great pleasure to know that it is as much our aim in Germany as it is yours in America to serve the Christian congregation.

"It is good to know that there exists in our time a Brotherhood of the Universal Church, and that neither na-

tional differences nor future political dangers can prevent us from calling ourselves members of the one Church of our Lord Jesus Christ. And it is a particular joy for me that the Lutheran Church has the special task in the world of our days to witness for the truth of the Gospel.

"Please remember me to all members of your Brotherhood group. With all my best wishes and kindest personal regards."

"Reinold von Thadden"

(In the May issue was printed story of the farewell dinner to von Thadden in Good Shepherd Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., on the day of his departure for Germany. At that dinner President Wohlsen presented his own pin impromptu and extended an Honorary Life Membership in the ULCA Brotherhood to von Thadden.)

New York Brotherhood Convention

A record attendance of lay delegates and pastors, together with hundreds of visitors and guests, marked the 22nd annual convention of the New York Synod Brotherhood at New Haven, Conn., on May 17. One hundred and twenty-eight delegates marched in the processional at the Lutheran Rally Vesper Service that ended the day's activities.

Boy Scouts from various troops sponsored by Brotherhoods in various parts of the synod, served as messengers.

s and ushers during the convention for the service. They also took the collection.

The program emphasized the work by and within the men's groups in congregations. All speakers were five Brotherhood men from within the New York Synod, which made the convention a Home Team Convention. The synod's president, Dr. F. R. Hubel, gave the keynote speech on "Brotherhood Within the Brotherhood."

Brotherhood Vice-President Earl Reese, Rochester, N.Y., prominent member of the synodical Social Missions Committee, spoke on "Brotherhood and Social Action."

Brotherhood Secretary Clarence Reun, member of the synodical Stewardship Committee and a member-elect of the executive committee of the synod, had as his topic "Brotherhood and Stewardship."

Pastor John R. Taylor, Merrick, N.Y., presented "The Bible in Daily Living," and Pastor Walter Bock, Coxsack, N.Y., synodical Boy Scout director, discussed "Boy Scouts in the Lutheran Church."

President Hans P. Treuenfels, Norwalk, Conn., a member of the executive committee of synod, made "Cooperation and Team Work" the main topic of his annual report. He especially expressed the hope that congregational units, conference groups, and most important of all, synodical brotherhoods should work closer together and meet more often to learn from each other's experiences. The convention authorized him to take

steps to contact and collaborate closely with the other synodical Brotherhoods in the ULCA in order to further mutually important projects and the work of the Church at large.

The address at the banquet was given by ULCA Brotherhood President Ralph J. Wohlsen, who spoke in his powerful and convincing manner on the timely topic "Evangelism — the Priesthood of All Believers." His challenging words were very well received and should give direction to the work of all units for the coming years.

At the evening Lutheran Rally Vesper Service, Layman Dr. William Stackel spoke on "A Hundredfold Harvest," giving a glorious outlook to the work for the Kingdom and the spiritual rewards Brotherhood work offers to all men.

It was the best convention the New York Synod Brotherhood ever had.

A "Night of Music"

Reading, Pa., Conference

A "Night of Music with Vespers," featuring a combined choir of 80 voices from the senior choirs of churches affiliated with the Reading, Pa., Conference Brotherhood, was held on May 4 in St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Reading, the Rev. Maynard C. Hallock, pastor, serving as liturgist. Richard I. Miller was director and Anna Gable Conner accompanist.

The success of that service, which was attended by 500 persons, and was a first venture, leads to the hope that it might become an annual affair.

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New England Conference

The New England Conference Brotherhood held its annual convention at Torrington, Conn., April 27, in St. Paul's Church, the Rev. N. E. Sutterlin, pastor.

Over 100 delegates attended, representing Brotherhoods from Connecticut and Massachusetts. President William Poneleit, assistant building inspector of Bridgeport, Conn., and a member of First English Church of that city, presided.

One of the highlights of the convention was the presentation of "The Wohlsen Plaque (a cast-aluminum copy of Martin Luther's shield, authentically colored, and presented six years ago by ULCA Brotherhood President Ralph J. Wohlsen for the congregational Brotherhood turning in the best record for "evangelism activities during the past year").

This plaque was hotly contested and was won by the host Brotherhood, St. Paul's, Torrington, for finding homes and employment for 72 DPs and ethnic Germans, in addition to bringing back a number of lapsed members. The winners would like to hear of any Brotherhood that can beat that record. A close second was First English Church of Bridgeport with the reactivating of 38 lapsed members (several of five years inactivity) and securing 8 unchurched into active membership.

Short addresses were made by the Rev. Herbert D. Hrdlicka, president of the New England Conference; Hans P. Treuenfels, president of the New York Synod Brotherhood, and

President Wohlsen. Christian F. Brown of Bridgeport was the toastmaster at the evening banquet. The speaker at the banquet was Dr. John Oliver Nelson of Yale Divinity School, who spoke about Brotherhood retreats.

The New England group expects to conduct a retreat this fall.

Inter-Synodical Brotherhoods Omaha, Nebr.

"More space is being given today to religious teachings and publicity in the press and over the radio than at any other time."

Thus spoke Odell Hanson, state editor of Associated Press, in a panel discussion at the spring rally of the Inter-Synodical Brotherhoods at Bethel Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebr. on May 22.

The speaker pointed out that if Christians would make better use of press and radio as media of spreading the Gospel, the trash and violence that are so evident in the news would soon lose their importance.

Other speakers on the panel were Sidney J. Gottneid, clerk of District Court, who assured his listeners that government as a whole is guided by Christian precepts, although, as in any group, a few dishonest and unscrupulous men give the whole a bad name; and Earl H. Schroer, principal of Benson high school, who said that in sportsmanship, good conduct, special activities and school publications there is evidence that Christian ideals are being promoted in the schools of Omaha.

William F. Kedde presided at the business session. It was decided to give \$100 to Lutheran World Action this year, and plans were begun for holding a Reformation festival in the fall.

Church Is Most Newsworthy, Says Editor, When It Is Being Itself

Springfield, O.—(NLC)—A newspaper editor told a Lutheran Workshop on Public Relations here that the Church "is most newsworthy when it is being a Church — not when it tries to be primarily a fund-raising organization, a 'do-gooding' society or a social club."

The editor, Maynard Kniskern of the *Springfield Sun*, spoke to 100 pastors and theological students attending the two-day workshop sponsored by Hamma Divinity School of Wittenberg College and the Division of Public Relations of the National Lutheran Council. It was held here April 22-23.

Mr. Kniskern declared that the Christian religion is the Church's reason for existence, and in the practice and proclamation of that faith is where the Church's news-worthiness lies.

"Extreme 'religious liberalism' doesn't have enough inner force to be newsworthy in this day and age," the editor said, "but, by way of contrast, the public and the press reflect an ever growing interest in the themes of Lent, Easter, Christmas and the other great church seasons.

"Don't listen to those who advise you to be constantly striving for

something 'new' in order to make the news," he continued, "or to people who suggest that you get something more exciting than the Nicene Creed — as though there were something more exciting than the Nicene Creed!"

Interest in church news that is truly religious news is increasing across the nation, Mr. Kniskern said, and newspapers are responding by appointing more and better qualified religious news editors.

"Religion is the most frequent topic of conversation in our news room, and in others which I know of, when the end-of-the-day lull arrives," he added. "Moreover it is among intellectuals generally that the growth of interest in religion is most evident — and to such people, items about tea parties in the parish hall are not religious news."

Nebraska Notes

by Paul Wiegman

WEST POINT: Grace Brotherhood will be host to the state convention, Sunday, Oct. 5. The Rev. Paul C. Empie, executive director of the NLC will be the featured speaker.

More than 250 mothers and daughters were present at the church parlors in May for the annual banquet sponsored by the Brotherhood. The dinner was served by the Brotherhood.

The Brotherhood supports two teams in the softball league, which began May 9. The No. 1 team played

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**Getting Ready for the ULCA Brotherhood Convention, Washington, D.C.
September 20-21, 1952**

Robert C. Hamer, Washington, D.C., and Fred W. Konemann, Silver Spring, Md., vice president of the ULCA Brotherhood, are serving as general chairman and associate chairman respectively, of the executive committee for the ULCA Brotherhood convention to be held in Washington, D.C., Sept. 20-21. They are doing a superb job in planning for your comfort and entertainment while you attend the sessions in Luther Place Memorial Lutheran Church and in the Mayflower Hotel. The Maryland Synod Brotherhood is cooperating in the convention arrangements. Special committees are providing entertainment and arranging sight-seeing trips for delegates, visitors, and their lady guests. Do not miss this convention which promises to be the best ever.

ULCA Brotherhood 1952 Convention Committees

The following committees are now hard at work making arrangements for the 1952 ULCA Brotherhood convention in Washington, D.C., Sept. 20-21, with the first person named in each group serving as chairman:

Executive Committee: Robert C. Hamer, Fred W. Konemann, associate chairman, Ralph H. Keister, treasurer, Lowell E. Seim, secretary, Mrs. L. Ralph Tabor, George R. Eberly, the Rev. J. Frank Fife, D.D., Raymond Geddes, Charles A. Whitten, Edward R. Owen, Frederick J. Sendelbach, the Rev. L. Ralph Tabor, D.D., Clarence A. Arata.

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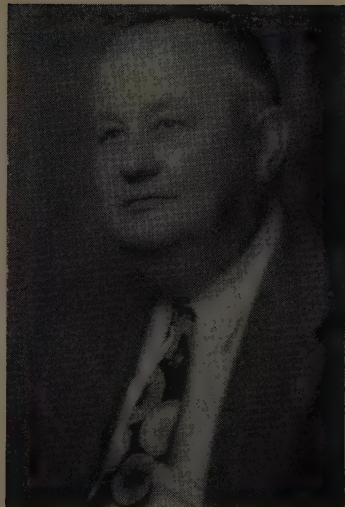
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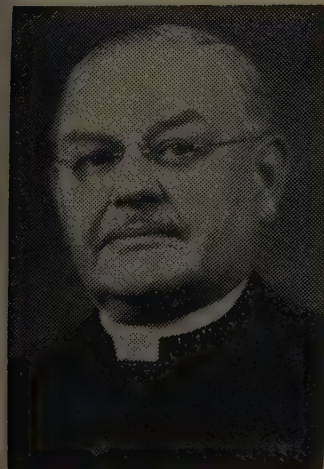
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The Christian and Leisure Time

by P. N. WOHLSEN



Author

The Rev. P. N. Wohlsein has been pastor of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Stroudsburg, Pa., for a quarter century. He is a graduate of Muhlenberg College and the Philadelphia Theological Seminary. In 1945 Muhlenberg bestowed the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon him.

Pastor Wohlsein has been active in Brotherhood work since 1915. He served as a member of the Boys' Work Committee of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and was active in the establishment of Camp Miller for boys.

Editorial Committee

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Aims

1. To show that all Christians have some

IN THE PAST few decades changes have taken place which have affected our whole mode of life. Not many years ago nearly everything was made by hand. Today we are living in a machine age.

Not many years ago women used the old washboard to rub clothes clean. They plied the spinning wheel to provide cloth, and used the flat-iron for ironing. In those days men made window frames and window sash by hand. But all this has now changed. Ours is an age of machinery.

A recent examination of an old church revealed that the oak beams had been hewn and fashioned by

leisure time.

2. To lead men to realize that God expects them to use their leisure time to his glory and honor.

3. To suggest ways in which leisure time may be used effectively.

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Prayer, including the Lord's Prayer.

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Business.

Fellowship and Refreshments.

hand. In those days when that church was built it was customary to work from sunrise to sunset. Farmers in those days were compelled to do their barn work by lantern light. Today the farmer uses electricity to light his barn, a tractor to plow and harrow his fields, and machinery to harvest the grain. Where twelve hours were once required to do the day's work, the same amount of work is now done in seven or eight hours. Inventions and modern machinery have brought about this improvement. But back of it all has been the hand of a heavenly Father who endowed man with wisdom and skill to make work less laborious for man. As a result men have what we call leisure time.

How Much Leisure Time?

Leisure time may be defined as time that is not required to provide support for self and family. The amount of leisure time which people have varies according to the demands of their occupation and other factors. But most people today work forty hours a week. This leaves them one hundred and twenty-eight hours for bodily rest and activities of their choice. If we allow fifty-six hours for physical rest, and five hours per week for worship, we find that there are sixty-seven hours for outside interests and activities, or approximately ten hours each day.

At this point it would be well to call for the report of the committee that was to inquire about the time-tables of three members of the Brotherhood. Without revealing names, dis-

cuss these daily schedules. How much leisure time did the men have, and what were the leisure-time activities in which they engaged?

This vast amount of leisure time which is at the disposal of men in our age is a trust from God. Though we call it leisure time it is still God's time, and we will have to give an account of how we use it. As "responsible Christian men" we must practice stewardship of time as well as stewardship of possessions and talents. God is making a steady call upon our lives, day in and day out. That is what we mean by the Christian vocation. Our response to that call, particularly our response during leisure hours, is the way in which we show that we are responsible Christians.

Leisure time should not be burdened with some time, that is, time spent in a manner that will be unpleasant. Nor should it be time that is wasted and flittered away. It is time that should be used in a way that will bring pleasure and enjoyment to the person who has the leisure time. But it should also bring benefits to others and to the kingdom of God. Certainly it should not be spent in mere idleness, for in our day as in every age, "idleness is the devil's workshop."

Value of Leisure Time

Most of us want to see results coming from our efforts. The farmer wants to see fine crops. The mechanic expects to see a machine he has helped to build. Of course, both expect eventually to see the results of their

work in terms of remuneration—dollars and cents. There is danger that a materialistic conception of value will control even the use of our leisure time. How will this benefit me? What will I get out of it? These are the questions we are in danger of asking, and in asking them we will forget that we are stewards of our time—responsible Christian men.

Of course leisure time should prove personally beneficial and enjoyable. It should build up strength and energy. It should provide rest and refreshment. It should re-create. Leisure time should do all of this, and more. It should provide us with the opportunity to serve God and fellow man. It should benefit those who are around us, and those who are far away. It should prove a blessing to people of our generation, and those who are to follow in succeeding generations.

A few examples will be in order. Many laborsaving devices have been the result of work which someone did while he used his leisure time in a basement workshop. Many worthwhile community projects have been accomplished by men who used their leisure time to plan and execute these projects. Red Cross drives, disaster relief, the Boy Scout movement, the enrichment of church services with anthems, Christian instruction in Sunday school, the practical administration of the congregational program—these and countless other activities which benefit mankind are the result of a wise use of leisure time by a great host of people who have a sense

of responsibility growing out of their Christian vocation.

Every Christian man who is willing to do so can find opportunity to use his spare time in ways that will prove helpful to his family, his church, and his community, and at the same time will bring personal enjoyment and well-being. Proper use of leisure time pays large dividends in soul satisfaction and blessings.

It has already been said that leisure time is God's time. It is not time to be frittered away in idleness or worthless undertakings. It should benefit the individual who has the leisure time, it should benefit his fellow man, and it should advance the kingdom of God. It should be used as a Christian's response to God's call upon his time.

This of course does not mean that every moment should be spent in strenuous work. Play has a rightful place in life. Relaxing to build up strength and energy for the tasks which lie ahead is a Christian way to spend leisure time. But it is undeniably true that some Christians spend too much time in their clubs, too much time playing golf, or engaging in some other form of recreation, too much time in idle gossip. Here are a few suggestions for the constructive use of leisure time:

1. *Spend time with the family.* Many of the factors which contribute to youth delinquency could be avoided if fathers would take greater interest in the welfare of their children. An hour or two spent each evening with a son, showing an interest in the

boy's activities, will do much to prevent years of sorrow in the future. There are some responsibilities which cannot be shifted to the shoulders of others. No boy should ever be permitted to "grow away from his father."

2. *Conduct family worship.* A brief worship period with the family at the close of day will pay large dividends. Ample helps for conducting family worship are available. Every pastor will be delighted to suggest helpful printed resources.

3. *Bring your family to Sunday school and church.* It is quite a different thing to send your children to Sunday school or to say to them, "Come, we will all go to Sunday school and church."

4. *Use leisure time for physical relaxation and recreation.* Such use of leisure time is not only legitimate but is almost a necessity in the age in which we are living. The nervous tensions to which most of us are subjected much of the time make relaxation and recreation imperative. But we should be careful not to take a "busman's holiday." It is sheer folly for a truck driver to try to find relaxation driving an automobile along a busy highway during his leisure time. It is equally ridiculous for a person who works with tools all day long to think that he will find real relaxation trying to build a clothes closet or make a table during his leisure time. Such leisure-time activity would be suitable, however, for a minister or a lawyer.

Care should be exercised that lei-

sure-time activities will include some things which throw us into contact with fellow men. Social fellowship is essential for our well-being. Most churches have perhaps *underemphasized* the importance of a good social and recreational program for all age groups within their memberships. Frequently the social and recreational program for children and young people is highly developed, but no provision is made for adults. Particularly the "golden age" group should receive more adequate attention.

(This would be a good place to receive and discuss the report of the committee that was to examine the total fellowship and recreational program of the local congregation. What can be done to improve this program? The committee that was to investigate

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recreational opportunities that are available in the community might report at this point. Are there sufficient playgrounds, parks, swimming pools, milk bars, etc? What could be done to improve such facilities or to increase their use?)

5. *Use leisure time to serve the church.* Many improvements to church property have been made by men who were willing to use some of their spare time for such work. Brotherhoods have redecorated church school rooms, installed new heating systems, built tables and other equipment, beautified the church property, and rendered much other service.

6. *Engage in evangelistic activities.* One of the inescapable responsibilities of Christian men is to bear witness to the unchurched and bring back into the church those who have faltered. An excellent leisure-time activity is to visit new neighbors and invite them to become acquainted with other men at a Brotherhood meeting or at church services.

7. Enhance your own development and that of other men by arranging meetings of the Brotherhood that have real educational value. An occasional program to which the whole congregation is invited might well be arranged. For the sake of variety some of the excellent religious motion pictures which are now available might be used.

8. *Visit the aged and shut-ins.* Such calls usually are indicative of the fact that the caller has a real sense of Christian responsibility.

9. *Engage in Boy Scout activities.*

Most scout troops can use another assistant scoutmaster, or a new member of the troop committee. Many men can help the boys as they strive to earn merit badges and advance their standing in the scout movement. Such leisure-time activity is good for men and for the boys whom the men help.

10. *Teach in Sunday school, or serve as an officer in the church school.* Not everyone has the required ability to fill such positions, and no one should crave to hold such a position if someone more qualified than himself is available. But if the call for such service comes, it should be answered with enthusiasm and joy.

11. Promote baseball, bowling, tennis, dart ball, quoits, and other activities for men and the young people of the congregation. Leisure-time activities should include such elements of recreation. They too are a proper response to the Christian vocation.

12. *Assist the pastor in his work.* There are usually a great many tasks which pastors do simply because there is no one else to do them. If the pastor were released from some of his routine tasks he would have more time to perform those tasks which only a pastor can perform. The congregation might even be rewarded with better sermons.

For Discussion

1. Do men have real leisure time in our age, or is all their time pre-empted by necessary activities?

2. Are men justified in using leisure time as suits their own inclination, or are they under constraint to

use it in a particular way? Why?

3. Is it wrong to waste time? Why? What would you call a waste of time? Is it true that what would be a waste of time for one man would be a good use of time for another? Give examples.

4. What are some desirable leisure-time activities?

Suggestions for Action

1. Let each man select two or three leisure-time activities in which he is going to engage—activities that will indicate he is a “responsible Christian man.”

2. Plan and promote a good recreational program for the men of the church.

3. Plan for the improvement of the recreational facilities of the community, and take definite steps to set the plan in operation.

4. Lend support to the educational program of the congregation. Ask the pastor and other leaders how you can help.

A Novel Meeting

Assignment for the September Meeting

Variety is the spice of life. It also adds vitality to Brotherhood meetings. For this reason a “different kind of meeting” has been planned for September. That is the time when men start to come back to Brotherhood meetings in large numbers. Making the September meeting as interesting and helpful as possible should promote attendance at succeeding meetings. Of course, this will require planning. Make use of the following suggestions for the September meeting, at which the topic will be, “The Christian and Labor Conditions.”

Select six people, all engaged in jobs that are different from those that they are to represent at the September meeting, and ask them to play one of the following roles on the evening the program is presented. The roles are those of a **labor leader, minister, factory owner, professor of economics, farmer, and ordinary worker.**

At least two weeks before the meeting, each of them to start reading and clip interesting statements from magazines, newspapers that reflect the views of the people they are to portray. Also secure and contribute to them material from sources listed at the end of this assignment.

At the meeting the topic material should serve as an outline for the discussion. Each role-player may present the material written for him, but he should amplify it by including the other material from his reading. He should also change it to represent more accurately what he thinks his role should be. The players should sit around a conference table at the front of the room, but all should face the other members of the Brotherhood. So identifying the role of each man should be on the table in front of him so that members of the Brotherhood can readily identify him. Role-players should speak with emphasis and use gestures. The chairman should spark discussion and keep it moving.

Have each role-player remember that his role is that of a Christian in labor or management, farming, or a profession.

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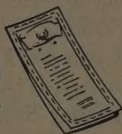
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St. John's at Scribner and the No. 2 team played St. Paul's at Hooper.

OMAHA: The May issue of Scouting Magazine published by the Covered Wagon Area Council carried the following: "The 'Olive Wreath of Honor' should be bestowed this month on the scouts in the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in the North District in Omaha for two outstanding achievements. First, they are the first institution to be using all four phases of the Boy Scout program: cubbing, scouting, exploring, and sea exploring. Four active units are now operating under the sponsorship of this fine institution. Second, they now have six of their scouts proud possessors of the *Pro Deo et Patria* church award."

BEATRICE: Highlight of the May meeting for Trinity Brotherhood was a discussion of the recent synod meeting.

TEKAMAH: Flood evacuees of Emmanuel Church, Tekamah, availed themselves of the generosity of Brother Charles Rosacker in the April Missouri River flood rampage. Mr. Rosacker, who has a farm on higher land, offered his barns and feed lots to keep brother members' livestock.

BIBLE societies representing 25 nations launched in March a simultaneous appeal to ministers of all Protestant churches to take "immediate steps to recover, through exposition, preaching, private and corporate study, the understanding of the relevance of the Bible to the whole range of human life."

Church and Lutheran Theology

this is the Church. Edited by Anders Nygren. The Muhlenberg Press. 339 pages. \$4.75.

No thoughtful admirer of the Lutheran Church and its founder's theology should pass by this volume of essays by 14 scholars and theologians of Sweden, whose combined efforts have produced what "almost amounts to a one-volume encyclopedia on the subject."

The simplicity of the title indicates the directness of the approach of the book. It speaks pointedly to the man of today and helps him rethink the meaning of the church and his relationship to the church, emphasizing the solidarity of the church in contrast to the tendency toward individualism today. For the church is more than a voluntary association of free men; it is the "body of Christ."

This book also represents refreshing insights into such basic doctrines of the church as the Lord's Supper, Baptism, the Ministry, and it discusses the "subjective and objective concept" of the church, the church's "visibility and invisibility," the church and social justice, the church and Christian vocation.

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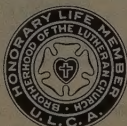
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